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Dear Richard Stitt:-

I was in England when you wrote to me on May 31st, hence the delay in replying to your inquiries.

I have always thought that introduced species like English Sparrows and Pigeons should not be included in local bird lists for they are not part of the native fauna; nevertheless, it is interesting to keep a record of their status and consequently to include them in your notes, just as you have done for example with the Starling and the Pheasant, for the study of the history of introduced species very often gives us interesting information in regard to the factors that govern the distribution and abundance of birds. It is true that Pigeons are not so large a part of our wild life as are Starlings; nevertheless, they have actually become part of our bird life.

Congratulating you on your bird list, and with best wishes for your studies, I am,

Sincerely yours,

J. M. Chapman

Curator of Birds.

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